

State of Connecticut
Department of Correction
Program Development Unit.

Alphabetical Listing of Programs for CORRIGAN-RADGOWSKI

Addiction Services Aftercare Program

Description

The aftercare program is available to inmates following completion of Tier 3 or Tier 4 programs. It is designed to provide a continuum of care and maintenance of a recovery identity, which fosters independence, personal responsibility, and application of relapse prevention skills.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Addiction Services Tier 1 Substance Abuse Education Program

Description

The Tier 1 program consists of six (6) substance abuse education group sessions, including a minimum of one fellowship meeting. This program is designed to present basic substance abuse information, confront denial, and encourage further treatment involvement.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Addiction Services Tier 2 Intensive Outpatient Program

Description

The Tier 2 Program is an intensive outpatient Addiction Services program with 30 curriculum sessions for 10 weeks. Group components are held three times weekly and incorporate weekly fellowship meetings to lay the foundation of basic substance abuse information, promote personal identification with recovery, and motivate further treatment involvement.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Addiction Services Tier 3 Daycare Program

Description

The Tier 3 Program is a Addiction Services program with group components held four times a week for sixteen weeks (64 curriculum sessions), and weekly fellowship meetings.

As a part of the treatment plan, participants are expected to have a job or attend school when not attending groups. Treatment services are provided primarily in a group setting. Evaluation and, as needed, crisis intervention is conducted in individual counseling sessions.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Description

ABE is the primary program of instruction designed to provide training in basic academic skills in the areas of reading, mathematics, language arts, general science and social studies. The program is directed toward increasing proficiency to the eighth grade level.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Alcoholics Anonymous

Description

This is a 12-Step Fellowship self-help group for men and women who provide mutual support in obtaining and maintaining sobriety while also helping others to recover from alcoholism. Meetings, in a variety of formats (Big Book, Step Meetings, Speaker, etc.), are held on a weekly basis. Addiction Services staff coordinate the meetings and provide oversight for the program.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Anger Management

Description

This group program is designed to help inmates better manage their anger. It teaches inmates how to redirect their anger to a less aggressive and more controlled response.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Anger Management

Apprenticeship Programs

Description

Apprenticeships in concert with the Labor Department are offered in thirty-six programs at twelve sites. These programs range in length from six months to three years. Vocational students earn apprenticeship credit and upon completion of a program are awarded a prospective apprenticeship certificate by the Connecticut Labor Department.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition, Vocational Education

Basic Food Service

Description

This course introduces techniques and procedures required to prepare basic foods with emphasis on use of equipment, identification of a standard quality product, and the development of sanitary working habits. It is apprenticeship-approved by the CT State Department of Labor. The course also forms part of the BCI Tech Prep Program with Manchester Community College and carries three credits.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Beyond Fear

Description

This is an AIDS education program utilizing a curriculum, printed materials, and an educational video developed by the Department of Public Health. The program is delivered by a contracted outside agency, and funded through the Department of Public Health.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Health Services

Types:

Health Education

Bridging the Gap

Description

Alcoholics Anonymous is one of the most important self-help resources for alcoholic men and women. A very important first step for inmates being released into the community is attending the first meeting as soon as possible following release. Addiction Services staff in the institution utilize a toll-free telephone number to get information about the nearest AA meeting location, along with the name of a contact person. An AA member then will contact the inmate upon release and even provide transportation to a meeting.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Catholic Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar

Description

This is a weekend faith development seminar held twice yearly.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Catholic Mass

Description

This is the weekly Catholic worship service.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Catholic Studies

Description

Participants in this program study materials from the Confirmation Lesson Plan Guide. This study prepares students for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Chaplain's Prayer Circle

Description

Participants meet weekly with the chaplain of their faith for prayer and study to seek ways to rightly model their faith to peers and to help the chaplain gauge the impact of religious programming on inmate living. Group size is limited to 12, and selection criteria are determined by the chaplain.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Choir

Description

Both Catholic and Protestant inmates are able to join choirs in their respective religious service. These choirs both enhance the religious liturgies and add a level of veneration to those services.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Commitment to Change

Description

This program assists youthful offender inmates in understanding the behavior that stems from negative thinking patterns and belief systems. The goal of the group is to encourage positive behavior and the formation of healthy relationships with others and oneself. This is an eight-week program.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Self Improvement

Connecticut Career Certificate

Description

A Connecticut Career Certificate is issued jointly by the Department of Education and the Department of Labor to students who have completed a combination of academic, vocational and employability competency skills, in one of eight career clusters. The assigned career cluster for Radgowski is "Retail, Tourism, Recreation and Entrepreneurship." The CCC credential is part of a nationwide school to career system.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

CONNTAC-EOC (CT Talent Assistance Cooperative-Education

Opportunity Center)

Description

Representatives from CONNTAC-EOC are provided with names of students to meet with while the student is still incarcerated. The representatives assist students with their post-secondary plans and financial aid.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Culinary Arts

Description

This course stresses safety and sanitation as well as tool and equipment usage. Through practice and discussion, students are taught skills in basic cooking, methods, culinary techniques, weights, measures and recipe conversions. Participants earn a Safe Serve Certificate after passing a test administered by the National Restaurant Association. This program is an apprenticeship approved through the CT State Department of Labor.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Cultural Awareness

Description

This program provides instruction and activities to help increase students' understanding and appreciation of the variety of cultures residing in the United States. History, values, spiritual beliefs, living conditions, language, family and hardships, past and present, are included in discussion topics. An emphasis is placed on the fact that there is more alike about each culture than differences.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Cultural Diversity

Cultural Awareness-Security Risk Group Program

Description

This program addresses topics of defining culture, stereotypes, prejudice and encouraging tolerance of cultural diversity. Participants are security risk group members. This group meets weekly for four sessions.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Female SRG

Educational, Career Resources and Job Fairs

Description

These types of Fairs are conducted in the form of a professional conference for students. The educational staff invite a keynote speaker and students proceed to attend individual workshops on a variety of topics. The goal of these Fairs is to assist inmates with their transition plans before they return to the community.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Embracing Fatherhood

Description

Embracing Fatherhood is a program designed to assist incarcerated fathers in gaining awareness of the important role they play in the lives of their children. This awareness will enable participants to successfully embrace their roles as fathers and begin to build healthy lifestyles that will benefit both their children and them.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff, Volunteer Group

Types:

Family

Family Education & Parenting

Description

This program is designed to help inmates with children become responsible parents. Inmates have classes in parenting skills and in some cases read children's books into audio or video-cassettes to send home to their children. Components of the parenting skills classes include parenting from a distance, discipline techniques, and communicating with children.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Family

Free to Be Me

Description

This program provides offenders the opportunity to meet with a volunteer to define personal needs and to learn to develop a better understanding of self and spirit. Modeled after 12-step programs, a volunteer delivers one-to-one mentoring services guiding the offender to a more complete understanding of self and expectations from others. This program allows inmates the opportunity to combine faith and beliefs with a positive mental attitude for the future.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Gang Awareness Program

Description

This is a mandatory 8-week program offered in the Close Monitoring Unit for Security Risk Group members. Inmates must complete this program before they are considered for release from the unit. The program focuses on inmate choices, values and how they have gotten to this point in their lives.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

SRG

General Educational Development (GED)

Description

The GED is the primary program of instruction for students functioning above an eighth grade level who wish to earn a State of Connecticut high school diploma through the examination process. GED Tutors and volunteers assist Department teachers by helping inmates prepare for the GED Exam and/or by helping to teach basic language skills.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

HIV Counseling, Testing & Risk Reduction Education

Description

When inmates are tested for HIV, the department provides standardized counseling by Department of Public Health certified counselors before and after testing. Counseling components include what HIV and AIDS are, how to get it, how to avoid getting it, what it means to be HIV positive, how to take care of oneself if one is HIV positive, and help in dealing with the associated feelings.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

HIV Support Services

Description

The Department demonstrates a collaborative approach in providing HIV support services to inmates in all facilities. A UCONN (Contracted) Health Services Team coordinates testing and counseling services; the Department's School District conducts classroom instruction about HIV; the Department's Addiction Services Unit Counselors provide HIV education and prevention counseling; a number of volunteers serve as "buddies" or sponsors; and Hartford's Community Partners in Action (CPA) receives funding from foundations, grants as well as support from the state's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to operate the "Beyond Fear" Program. Altogether the Department hosts a complete program that includes counseling, testing, education focus groups, videos, intervention strategies and is able to assist discharging inmates with need for such services as housing, medical treatment, food, clothing and transportation.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Health Services

Types:

Health Education

How to Study the Bible (Spanish)

Description

Topical instruction in the introductory methods for individual and group bible study. Course length: 4-6 weeks, offered at least twice a year.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Islamic (Quran) Study

Description

Quran readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Islamic principles.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Jehovah's Witness Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Jehovah's Witness principles.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Jewish Worship and Torah Studies

Description

Jewish Worship services and Torah studies are conducted weekly. During the Holy Days, services are celebrated under the supervision of the Religious Coordinator.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Jumah

Description

Jumah is the weekly Muslim worship service.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Keyboarding

Description

This program teaches inmates the fundamentals of keyboarding. This basic program provides a foundation to further training in the use of computers. This class is offered in eight-week blocks meeting four days per week.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Life Plan

Description

This program prepares inmates for release to the community by deepening their spiritual strength. It consists of a discussion group that utilizes a workbook for religious exercises.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious, Transition

Literacy Volunteers of America

Description

An active group of community volunteers, as well as inmate volunteers, contribute hundreds of hours to combat illiteracy for inmates in all of the facilities. Basic reading, vocabulary and comprehension skills are stressed.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Volunteer Services

Types:

Academic Education

Narcotics Anonymous

Description

Narcotics Anonymous is a twelve-step fellowship of addicts helping addicts to recover from the disease of addiction. Meetings, in a variety of formats (Step Meetings, Speaker, Speaker/Discussion, etc.), are held on a weekly basis. The meetings are usually conducted by outside volunteers who share their story of addiction and recovery. Addiction Services staff coordinate the meetings and provide oversight for the program.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Addiction

Parenting Class

Description

This parenting class explores parenting skills, touching on a variety of subjects. It utilizes guest speakers, videos, classroom activities and written assignments.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Volunteer Services

Types:

Family

Peer Mentor Program

Description

Peer Mentors are Tier program graduates who assist Addiction Services staff in the presentation of Tier program groups and 12-Step Fellowship groups. The primary purpose of Peer Mentors is to model a recovery lifestyle for other program participants. Weekly training meetings are required for all Peer Mentors.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Post-Secondary Programs

Description

College and Correspondence Courses are offered in an effort to encourage or prepare students for ongoing educational opportunities (Students pay a tuition and book fee for college courses). One of the main goals is to be able to provide well-behaved inmates an opportunity to be engaged in self-development.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Pre-Release Information Group

Description

Offenders are given the opportunity to attend a group session 30 days prior to their discharge during which they are given information about services available to them in the community. A one-on-one follow-up is then offered to them where they are able to make contact with any service agencies that may assist them upon release.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Pre-Release Seminar

Description

This is a ten-session program that prepares inmates for release into the community.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Transition

Project Rap/Youth at Risk

Description

This is an educational community service provided by the community outreach staff and inmates addressing the results of poor decision-making. It reaches middle schools and high schools and addresses issues such as drugs, alcohol, HIV, peer pressure, gangs and violence, incarcerated life and life goals. Inmates are brought into the community middle schools and high school to speak about their experiences. Community youth are also brought into the facility for tours and inmate presentations. This is a diversion program for "at risk" youths in which these youths are shown the reality of prison incarceration. The youths tour the facility and see the negative consequences of poor choices.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Community Service

Protestant Bible Study

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Protestant Bible Study (Spanish)

Description

Biblical readings are reviewed with Spanish inmates. The goal of this program is to help inmates develop self-awareness and personal growth based on Christian principles.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Religious

Protestant Service

Description

This is the weekly Protestant worship service.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Worship Services

Protestant Service (Spanish)

Description

This is the weekly Protestant worship service conducted in Spanish.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Worship Services

Read to Your Children

Description

This program is designed to foster a bond between a child and his/her incarcerated parent. USD#1 creates and maintains a collection of children's books. Inmates can select from a book and read to their child during regular visiting hours. In some cases, inmates enrolled in school can read a book and be videotaped and then send the tape and book to the child.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Family

Salvation: Beginning with Christ (Spanish)

Description

An examination of the core beliefs of Protestant Christians regarding the role and work of Christ in offering restoration of humanity's relationship with God. Course length: 9-11 weeks, offered at least twice a year.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Special Education and Pupil Services

Description

The special education teachers, pupil services specialists (School Psychologists, School Counselors, School Social Workers), and the associated clerical and durational staff provide services to students with handicapping conditions which interfere with their ability to participate in school. These services are mandated by federal (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997) and state (Connecticut General Statutes 10-76) statute. Special education services encompass a broad array of activities including assessment, counseling, transition planning, and both the direct and indirect (e.g. consultation) services of the special education teachers and pupil services staff. Student programs are designed according to the individual needs of each student with disabilities and are specified in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP.)

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Sponsorship Behind the Walls

Description

This program is designed for inmates participating in a 12-step recovery program. It enables participants to write to an outside sponsor in order to work the 12 steps of recovery.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Addiction Services

Types:

Addiction

Success Stories

Description

This is a four-session group that examines how former offenders have found their way to becoming law-abiding productive members of society.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff

Types:

Self Improvement

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Description

TESOL is an instructional program for students whose primary language is not English. TESOL instruction helps students to speak, read and write English or assists them in developing the language skills necessary for overall academic and vocational progress.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education

Tech Prep Program

Description

This is a program that offers opportunities for high school students to earn college credits through work with Community Colleges and USD#1 teachers.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Vocational Education

Training In Prayer (Spanish)

Description

Topical instruction in the importance of prayer in spiritual development, and in various methods and practices of prayer in light of the Bible and historic protestant practice.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Religious Services

Types:

Religious

Transition/School to Work

Description

The Transition/School to Work program's mission is to place participating students in employment and/or vocational/educational programs and to provide each student with a needs-based transition plan prior to his/her release to maximize potential for successful re-entry into society. School-based and work-based learning opportunities are provided through job and resource fairs, employment skills curriculum, sessions with transition counselors and meetings with a transition coordinator. A USD#1 brochure describing this program is available.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC)

Description

Transitional Linkage into the Community (TLC) is a program of Community Partners in Action which provides discharge planning for inmates with HIV/AIDS. TLC serves every prison and jail in the state, and works with clients returning to every region of the state. TLC case managers meet clients' emergency needs upon release, and connect them with services in their local communities for continuing care and assistance.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Contracted Program, Health Services

Types:

Health Education, Transition

V.O.I.C.E.S. (Victim Offender Institutional Correctional Educational Services)

Description

Volunteers support the Department's V.O.I.C.E.S. Program. It is designed to broaden inmates' understanding and sensitivity to the impact of their crime on others.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff, Victim Services, Volunteer Services

Types:

Victim

Victim-Offender Dialogue

Description

For a variety of reasons, it is sometimes helpful for victims to meet with offenders. The department's Victim Services Unit evaluates and when appropriate facilitates this dialogue. The process is designed to achieve the objectives of restorative justice, healing the victim, and confronting and holding the offender accountable. Although this process can often be very helpful to the inmate, all such dialogues are initiated at the request of victims.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

Facility Staff, Victim Services

Types:

Domestic Violence, Victim

Work Readiness

Description

This is an eight-week program provided by USD #1. The course focuses on job search, resume writing, and other necessary work readiness subjects.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Transition

Youth Offender Program

Description

Through the use of federal funds, post-secondary education and transition services are provided to "youth offenders" up to the age of 26 who are eligible for parole or release within five years. A transition counselor provides assistance and counseling to encourage participants to acquire functional literacy as well as life/job skills while in prison. Students participate in post-secondary classes, complete portfolios, and develop transition plans and placement.

Facility:

Corrigan-Radgowski

Auspices:

USD#1

Types:

Academic Education, Vocational Education